

Time commenced - 6.00 pm  
Time adjourned - 9.15 pm

## **COUNCIL MEETING 24 JANUARY 2007**

Present: The Mayor (Councillor Ahern)  
Councillors Afzal, Allen, Banwait, Baxter, Berry, Bolton, Care, Carr, Chera, Dhindsa, Gerrard, Ginns, Graves, Hickson, Higginbottom, Hird, Hussain, Ingall, Jackson, Jones, R Khan, S Khan, Leeming, Liversedge, Lowe, MacDonald, Marshall, Mitchell, Nath, Poulter, Rawson, Redfern, Richards, Roberts, Skelton, Smalley, Tittley, Travis, Troup, Turner, Webb, West, Williamson, Winter, Wynn

### **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dhamrait, Harbon, Latham, Samra and Williams.

### **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **Announcements from the Mayor**

The Mayor said that there were a number of Sports Awards to be presented at this meeting as follows:

- David Ellis, fourth at the IPC World Championships in December 2006 for 100m Breast Stroke, and British record holder.
- Emily Smithurst, ranked number two in Europe and ten in the world as a junior for 200m Butterfly.
- Quest Awards for Moorways, Queens Leisure Centre, Shaftsbury Sports Centre and Springwood Leisure Centre.
- UK Athletics Regional Sports Partnership of the Year Award for Derby Athletics Club.

Ann Rippon, interim Regional Director, Sport England made a short speech and presented awards. Mark Rose, Head Coach of Derventon Excel Swim Squad made a

short speech and presented a gift to the Council from the Club. John Raw from Derby Athletics Club attended the meeting to receive the Athletics Award from Councillor Graves and Ann Rippon.

The Mayor said that, following the decommissioning of HMS Sovereign, notification had been received that the City of Derby would be affiliated with the new Astute Class submarine to be named HMS Ambush.

## 53/06 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

**Resolved that the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 22 November 2006 be approved as a correct record, confirmed and signed by the Mayor.**

## 54/06 Statements by Members of the Council Cabinet

Statements by Members of the Council Cabinet were made as follows:

1. By Councillor Bolton, Council Cabinet Member for Children and Young People concerning GCSE results, healthy schools and steps to quality.
2. By Councillor Wynn, Council Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation concerning the ErBAN Project.

## 55/06 Public Questions

Questions from members of the public were asked as follows:

1. By Mr T Dunn, concerning the declaration of interests at Area Panel meetings, answered by Councillor Williamson, Leader of the Council and the Council Cabinet Member for Corporate Policy.
2. By Mr T Dunn, concerning traffic signals at the junction of Cheapside and the Strand, answered by Councillor Wynn, Council Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation.
3. By Mrs P Woolley, concerning flood prevention barriers and the Riverlights project. Mrs Woolley was not present at the Council meeting and the Mayor directed that a written answer be sent to her.
4. By Mrs P Woolley, concerning a flood risk assessment in respect of the Riverlights development and its effect on that development and the Eagle Centre basement car park. Mrs Woolley was not present at the Council meeting and the Mayor directed that a written answer be sent to her.

5. By Mr C Underhill, concerning the effects of the relocation of city centre retailers to the new Westfield Shopping Centre, answered by Councillor Wynn, Council Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation.

## 56/06 Written Questions about the Business or Functions of Derbyshire Police Authority or Derbyshire Fire Authority

There were no written questions about the business or functions of the Derbyshire Police Authority or Derbyshire Fire Authority.

## 57/06 Written Questions from Non-Council Cabinet Members to Members of the Council Cabinet

Written questions from Non-Council Cabinet Members to Members of the Council Cabinet were asked as follows:

1. By Councillor Leeming, concerning the disposal of public open space or facilities, answered by Councillor Roberts, Council Cabinet Member for Personnel, Performance Management and Economic Development.
2. By Councillor Leeming, concerning the closure of a rear gate at Noel Baker School, answered by Councillor Bolton, Council Cabinet Member for Children and Young People.
3. By Councillor Hird, concerning traffic growth arising from developments in Mickleover and other parts of the city, answered by Councillor Wynn, Council Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation.
4. By Councillor Winter, concerning parking enforcement in Mickleover, answered by Councillor Williamson, Leader of the Council in the absence of Councillor Latham, Council Cabinet Member for Enforcement.
5. By Councillor Skelton, concerning provision in the budget for a new swimming pool to replace the old one at Gayton Community Junior School, answered by Councillor Bolton, Council Cabinet Member for Children and Young People.
6. By Councillor Jones, concerning the timing of the release of final proposed budget details for 2007/08, answered by Councillor Williamson, Leader of the Council and Council Cabinet Member for Corporate Policy.
7. By Councillor Care, concerning the showing of the film "An Inconvenient Truth", answered by Councillor Williamson, Leader of the Council and Council Cabinet Member for Corporate Policy.

8. By Councillor Marshall, concerning the reintroduction of home care charges, answered by Councillor Hussain, Council Cabinet Member for Adult Services.
9. By Councillor West, seeking information about any plans to remove the concessions for senior citizens at the city's municipal golf courses, answered by Councillor Graves, Council Cabinet Member for Leisure and Direct Services.
10. By Councillor Berry, concerning the use of Area Panel funds to repair the infrastructure of council and community buildings, answered by Councillor Roberts, Council Cabinet Member for Personnel, Performance Management and Economic Development.

## 58/06 Business Remaining from the Previous Meeting

The meeting of the Council held on 22 November 2006 had been adjourned in accordance with Rule CP10. The following business had been held over to this meeting.

### 1. *Notice of Motion – Police Merger Plans Costs*

It was moved by Councillor Care, and seconded, that Council notes that the Government's aborted police merger plans cost Derbyshire Police £239,972 in 'opportunity' costs and £58,469 in 'additional' costs.

Council further notes that the Government has stated that it will not repay the 'opportunity' costs and will only repay £35,782 of the 'additional' costs.

Council records its concern at the government's position regarding the repayment of costs to the Derbyshire Police. Council believes that the costs should be repaid in full by the Government.

Council notes with concern the comments by the Chief Constable of Derbyshire Police, David Coleman, reported in the Derby Telegraph on the 30 October that Derbyshire Police are struggling financially due to a lack of proper funding from the Government and that frontline police services could in future face cuts.

Council therefore agrees to write to the Government to ask that they repay Derbyshire Police in full for both the 'additional' and 'opportunity' costs of the government's failed police merger.

It was moved by Councillor Hickson, and seconded, that the motion be amended by the deletion of paragraph 2, 3 and 4 and all words in paragraph 5 after the word 'to', and the insertion of the words 'support the Police Authority decision to recover both the additional costs and opportunity costs incurred as a result of the merger proposals.'

The amendment was put to the meeting and carried.

**Resolved that Council notes that the Government's aborted police merger plans cost Derbyshire Police £239,972 in 'opportunity' costs and £58,469 in 'additional' costs.**

**Council therefore agrees to support the Police Authority decision to recover both the additional costs and opportunity costs incurred as a result of the merger proposals.**

**2. *Constitution and Organisational Matters***

The Council considered a report of the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services and Monitoring Officer concerning Constitutional and Organisational Matters.

The Council consented to Councillor Williamson amending the recommendations in the report.

**Resolved, on the motion of Councillor Williamson to:**

- 1. confirm the change of title of the Corporate Director, Resources to Corporate Director, Resources and Housing and the amendment of all references to the chief officer and department in the Constitution and other Council documents and publications.**
- 2. appoint the Assistant Director – Democratic Services as:**
  - a) Secretary to the Independent Remuneration Panel for Members' Allowances**
  - b) Deputy Electoral Registration Officer in accordance with Section 52(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1983**
  - c) Proper Officer for Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages.**
- 3. approve minor amendments to the Constitution as follows:**

**Council Procedure Rules – Questions by the Public (pages 4-8 and 4-9)**

**Amend Rules CP11, CP13, CP18 and CP19 as follows:**

**General**

**CP11 Members of the public who are on the Derby register of electors, or are Derby Council Taxpayers or Non Domestic Ratepayers, may ask questions of a member of the Council Cabinet or Chair or a Commission or Committee at ordinary meetings of the Council. Unless the Council, in exceptional circumstances, decides**

otherwise, the maximum period of time for questions by the public at a Council meeting shall be thirty minutes.

#### **Notice of questions**

**CP13** A question may only be asked if notice has been given by delivering it in writing or by fax or electronic mail to the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services no later than midday five clear days before the day of the meeting. Each question must give the name and address of the questioner and must name the member of the Council Cabinet or Chair of a Commission or Committee to whom it is to be put.

#### **Supplementary question**

**CP18** A questioner who has put a question in person may also put one supplementary question without notice to the member who has replied to his or her original question. A supplementary question must arise directly out of the reply. The Mayor may reject a supplementary question on any of the grounds in Rule CP15 above.

#### **Written answers**

**CP19** The time allocated for questions at each meeting will be thirty minutes; any questions not answered at the end of that time will be answered in writing. Any question that cannot be dealt with during public question time because of the non-attendance of the member to whom it was to be put, will be dealt with by a written answer. All questions submitted in accordance with Rule CP13 will receive a written answer. A copy of all questions and replies will be circulated to all members within fourteen days of the Council meeting.

### **59/06 Minutes and Recommendations of the Council Cabinet**

The Council considered the minutes and recommendations of the Council Cabinet requiring the approval of the Council set out in Appendix A to these minutes.

**Resolved, on the motion of Councillor Williamson, to approve the minutes and recommendations of the Council Cabinet dated 28 November 2006, 19 December 2006 and 16 January 2007.**

### **60/06 Notices of Motion**

1. *Derby Evening Telegraph 'Anything to Declare' Campaign*

It was moved by Councillor Williamson, and seconded, that Council fully supports the Derby Evening Telegraph's 'Anything to Declare' campaign following the revelation that former Liberal Democrat Council Leader, Maurice Burgess, had a previous conviction for molesting a boy in 1971.

Council therefore resolves to introduce a Protocol to:

1. require all elected Councillors to be subject to a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check on the basis that all elected members are to be involved in discharging education or social services functions either through Council Cabinet membership or by undertaking visits to residential homes.
2. require both newly elected and re-elected Councillors at the time they make their declaration of acceptance of office to give consent to a CRB check being undertaken by completing a disclosure application form which should be completed within 10 working days from the date of election
3. authorise the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services to retain a record that a CRB check has been carried out for the duration of the Councillor's tenure of office
4. record on the Council Website whether or not a CRB check has been carried out by the Council for each Councillor.

In accordance with Rule CP68, it was demanded by at least ten members that a recorded vote be taken on the motion.

The following members voted for the motion:

The Mayor (Councillor Ahern), Councillors Afzal, Allen, Banwait, Baxter, Berry, Bolton, Care, Carr, Chera, Dhindsa, Gerrard, Ginns, Graves, Hickson, Higginbottom, Hird, Hussain, Ingall, Jackson, Jones, R Khan, S Khan, Leeming, Liversedge, Lowe, MacDonald, Marshall, Nath, Poulter, Rawson, Redfern, Richards, Roberts, Skelton, Smalley, Tittley, Troup, Turner, Webb, West, Williamson, Winter, Wynn (44)

No members voted against the amendment.

Councillors Mitchell and Travis were not present in the Council Chamber when the recorded vote was taken. The Mayor directed that a record be made in the minutes of the fact that Councillors Mitchell and Travis had left the meeting during the debate on this motion.

**Resolved that Council fully supports the Derby Evening Telegraph's 'Anything to Declare' campaign following the revelation that former Liberal Democrat Council Leader, Maurice Burgess, had a previous conviction for molesting a boy in 1971.**

**Council therefore resolves to introduce a Protocol to:**

1. **require all elected Councillors to be subject to a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check on the basis that all elected members are to be involved in discharging education or social services functions either through Council Cabinet membership or by undertaking visits to residential homes.**
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3. **authorise the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services to retain a record that a CRB check has been carried out for the duration of the Councillor's tenure of office**
4. **record on the Council Website whether or not a CRB check has been carried out by the Council for each Councillor.**

## 2. *CO2 Emissions*

It was moved by Councillor Care, and seconded, that Council welcomes and endorses the position taken by the Leader of the Council in signing Derby Campaign Against Climate Change's petition calling for a 25% reduction in CO2 emissions from the Council within 5 years. It further welcomes the associated report to the 16 January Cabinet meeting and proposed action to take forward the Derby Declaration on Climate Change.

Council also welcomes the work that the Overview and Scrutiny Commissions have done over the last two years on energy use within the Council, and asks Cabinet to work closely with the Commissions in the development of the Council's Climate Change Action Programme.

Achieving a 25% reduction in CO2 emissions in only five years will be very challenging. Council therefore requests Cabinet to include a contingency within its budget proposals for 2007/8 to enable action to achieve CO2 emission reductions to start promptly.

Council further recognises the urgency of wider action to reduce climate change, and welcomes work that has already started with partners within the city. To provide clearer focus to this work, and acknowledging the key role that the Council has in influencing Derby more widely, Council further asks Cabinet to:

- accept the challenge of reducing the CO2 equivalent emissions from the whole of Derby by 15% by 2010 and set further targets to achieve at least a 60% cut by 2030, and
- to do this by working with all sectors, groups and people in Derby in association with the Overview and Scrutiny Commissions.



In addition, Council endorses the view that it is right that Local Authorities should take a lead to promote action to reduce climate change across their areas of jurisdiction. It therefore asks the leaders of all political groups to promote the adoption of this practice to other councils in Derbyshire and the East Midlands.

It was moved by Councillor Hickson, and seconded, that the motion be amended by the deletion of paragraph 3 and all words in paragraph 4 up to and including the word 'widely'

(The effect of the amendment, if approved, was that the motion would read as follows:

"Council welcomes and endorses the position taken by the Leader of the Council in signing Derby Campaign Against Climate Change's petition calling for a 25% reduction in CO2 emissions from the Council within 5 years. It further welcomes the associated report to the 16 January Cabinet meeting and proposed action to take forward the Derby Declaration on Climate Change.

Council also welcomes the work that the Overview and Scrutiny Commissions have done over the last two years on energy use within the Council, and asks Cabinet to work closely with the Commissions in the development of the Council's Climate Change Action Programme.

Council further asks Cabinet to:

- accept the challenge of reducing the CO2 equivalent emissions from the whole of Derby by 15% by 2010 and set further targets to achieve at least a 60% cut by 2030, and
- to do this by working with all sectors, groups and people in Derby in association with the Overview and Scrutiny Commissions.

In addition, Council endorses the view that it is right that Local Authorities should take a lead to promote action to reduce climate change across their areas of jurisdiction. It therefore asks the leaders of all political groups to promote the adoption of this practice to other councils in Derbyshire and the East Midlands.")

The amendment was put to the meeting and carried.

It was moved by Councillor Roberts, and seconded, that the motion be further amended by the deletion within the bullet points of the words "by 15% by 2010 and set further targets to achieve at least 60% cut by 2030, and to do this".

(The effect of the amendment, if approved, was that the motion would read as follows:

"Council welcomes and endorses the position taken by the Leader of the Council in signing Derby Campaign Against Climate Change's petition calling for a 25% reduction in CO2 emissions from the Council within 5 years. It further welcomes the associated report to the 16 January Cabinet meeting and proposed action to take forward the Derby Declaration on Climate Change.

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The amendment was put to the meeting and carried.

**Resolved that Council welcomes and endorses the position taken by the Leader of the Council in signing Derby Campaign Against Climate Change's petition calling for a 25% reduction in CO2 emissions from the Council within 5 years. It further welcomes the associated report to the 16 January Cabinet meeting and proposed action to take forward the Derby Declaration on Climate Change.**

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**Council further asks Cabinet to accept the challenge of reducing the CO2 equivalent emissions from the whole of Derby by working with all sectors, groups and people in Derby in association with the Overview and Scrutiny Commissions.**

**In addition, Council endorses the view that it is right that Local Authorities should take a lead to promote action to reduce climate change across their areas of jurisdiction. It therefore asks the leaders of all political groups to promote the adoption of this practice to other councils in Derbyshire and the East Midlands.**

## **61/06      Appointments to Outside Bodies and Charities and Urgent Non-Executive Decisions made by the Chief Executive**

The Council considered a report of the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services concerning Appointments to Outside Bodies and Charities and Urgent Non-Executive Decisions made by the Chief Executive.

**Resolved, on the motion of Councillor Williamson:**

- 1. To note the Urgent Non-Executive Decisions made by the Chief Executive.**
- 2. To approve the appointment of Councillor Wynn on the Groundwork Derby and Derbyshire Trust for the remainder of the municipal year.**
- 3. To approve the appointment of Councillor Wynn on the Cathedral Quarter Business Improvement District Company for the remainder of the municipal year.**
- 4. To approve the appointments to the charities detailed in the report.**

## **62/06      Working Arrangements for Equality Forums**

The Council considered a report of the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services concerning proposed working arrangements for Equality Forums.

**Resolved, on the motion of Councillor Roberts:**

- 1. To approve the Equality Forums' working arrangements, in line with the Council's recommendations in September 2006, as set out in Appendix 2 of the report.**
- 2. To receive a review of the Equality Forums a year after implementation.**

## **63/06      Exclusion of Press and Public**

**Resolved, on the motion of the Mayor, that under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the following item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.**

## **64/06      Equal Pay Compensation**

The Council considered a joint report of the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services and Director of Resources and Housing concerning Equal Pay Compensation.

**Resolved, on the motion of Councillor Roberts, to note the urgent decisions taken by the Chief Executive and to ratify the expenditure and funding proposals to cover the cost of equal pay compensation set out in the financial implications.**

MAYOR



MINUTES OF COUNCIL CABINET REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF COUNCIL
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### **COUNCIL CABINET 28 NOVEMBER 2006**

Present: Councillor Williamson (Chair)  
Councillors Bolton, Graves, Hickson, Latham, Nath, Roberts, Smalley  
and Wynn

In Attendance Councillor Jones

This record of decisions was published on 2 November 2006. The key decisions set out in this record will come into force and may be implemented on the expiry of five clear days unless a key decision is called in.

## Budget and Policy Framework

### 126/06 Capital Programme 2006/7 – 2008/9

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Capital Programme 2006/7 – 2008/9. The report sought approval to changes to the approved capital programme. The changes involved ...

- The consolidation of already approved individual changes within the programme. All of these changes had previously been approved. The overall net effect of these changes in 2006/7 was to increase the programme by £0.3m.
- Further changes to capital schemes were now proposed which would reduce the 2006/7 programme by £8m from this restated base, to £83m.

Compared to the original capital programme for 2006/7 to 2008/9 approved by Council in March 2006, the programme totals for 2006/7 had increased by £4m and the total over the three year period to 2008/9 had increased by £33m. This mainly reflected a combination of new programme approvals supported by equivalent external funding and approved slippage from 2005/6 matched by equivalent funding. The report confirmed that, taking account of these variations and those to the 2005/6 programme, planned total borrowing and net unsupported borrowing had not increased above levels planned for in March and also that internal sources of funding remained adequate to deliver these plans.

The further decisions sought on changes to the programme included:

- reprofiling of expenditure on St Benedict – Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) changing rooms
- reprofiling of football foundation schemes for Derby Moor Community Sports College and Lees Brook Community Sports College
- reprofiling of Sure Start children's centre capital projects
- additional grant funding from Sustrans for the Local Transport safety schemes
- additional S106 funding for the Local Transport strategic public transport schemes
- reduction of the planned programme for 2006/7 for Connecting Derby due to the reprofiling of receipt of anticipated grant funding
- extraction of the Home Computing Initiative Scheme from the capital programme.

The report also reported on monitoring of the progress in implementing the capital programme to date. Of the 2006/7 programme, 73% of schemes were on site or completed and a further 7% were at tender stage. Elements of the programme that carried relatively high risks in terms of costs, funding or performance delivery had been identified specifically and reported on. Approval was sought for full scheme commencement for the IT network development under Financial Procedure Rules.

## **Decision**

1. To recommend Council to approve a revised capital programme for 2006/7 to 2008/9 as set out in this report, with the 2007/8 and 2008/9 programme having indicative status consistent with previous Council Cabinet decisions, other than where full scheme commencement approval had been given.
2. To note the results of monitoring progress in delivery of this capital programme.
3. To approve the full commencement of the capital schemes listed in Appendix 6

## **COUNCIL CABINET**

### **19 DECEMBER 2006**

Present: Councillor Williamson (Chair)  
Councillors Bolton, Graves, Hussain,  
Latham, Roberts, Smalley and Wynn

This record of decisions was published on 21 December 2006. The key decisions set out in this record will come into force and may be implemented on the expiry of five clear days unless a key decision is called in.

In Attendance Councillor Jones

## **Budget and Policy Framework**

155/06 Capital Strategy 2007/08 to 2009/10

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Budget and Policy Framework. The report set out a strategy for the development of the Council's capital programme over the next 3 years. The major issues it sought to develop were:

- Some changes to the principles to make sure the use of capital resources was considered corporately.
- A prioritisation process for the corporate capital programme, which allowed existing commitments to be delivered, and any new proposals to take account of the maintenance backlog in the asset management plan and the need to continue to invest in ICT infrastructure.
- Recognition that in order to fund the significant change programme needed for the city, additional prudential borrowing would be needed, subject to affordability within the revenue budgets. In particular this related to:
  - further investment in council owned properties to address the repairs backlog
  - investment to modernise the council's city centre office accommodation including the Council House
  - the delivery of the Public Realm strategy for the City Centre.
- Sustainable service capital programmes aimed principally at Children and Young Peoples Services, Housing and Adult Social Services, and Highways and Transportation.
- Wherever possible it was proposed to take advantage of external funding



opportunities particularly in the Cultural and Leisure Service areas consistent with the Council's corporate priorities and asset management plan. Approval needed to be sought now to commence the design phase of the East Street Refurbishment scheme in 2006/7, with a view to letting a contract early in 2007.

An addendum to the report was circulated at the meeting

## **Decision**

To recommend to Council

1. An updated and amended set of principles to guide the allocation of funding to support the capital programme from 2007/8 onwards, as set out in Appendix 2.
2. To agree the planned allocation of resources to the corporate capital programme, as set out in Sections 3.1 and 3.2 and Table 2.
3. To approve in principle the addition to the capital programme of the East Street refurbishment scheme to the 2006/7 and 2007/8 capital programme at a total estimated cost for the two years of £1.6m, subject to Cabinet approval following the receipt of tender prices.
4. To approve, at this stage, the commencement of spending on the East Street refurbishment scheme design fees only, at a total estimated cost of £100k funded from corporate capital reserves.
5. To confirm the process and timetable for taking decisions on the detailed content of the capital programme for 2007/8 to 2009/10, set out in Appendix 3.

**COUNCIL CABINET**  
**16 JANUARY 2007**

Present: Councillor Williamson (Chair)  
Councillors Bolton, Graves, Hickson, Hussain, Nath, Roberts,  
Smalley and Wynn

## **Budget and Policy Framework**

### **178/06 Statement of Community Involvement – Consideration of Inspector's Report and Adoption**

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Statement of Community Involvement – Consideration of Inspector's Report and Adoption. The preparation of the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) was a requirement of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and formed part of Derby's Local Development Framework. The SCI sets out the Council's intentions for involving the local community in the preparation and review of development plans. It also indicated how the Council would consult on planning applications. The final version of the Statement of Community Involvement was the result of a number of stages of preparation. The comments received from the participants at the informal and formal consultation stages helped to shape the SCI document for Submission to the Secretary of State. The Council approved the draft SCI for Submission on 1 March 2006 and it was submitted to the Secretary of State in April 2006. The draft SCI was then examined by a Planning Inspector in October 2006. The Inspector has deemed the SCI "sound" subject to a few minor changes being made. Now that the Inspector's Report into the SCI had been received, Cabinet was being asked to formally adopt the SCI. The final version of the SCI and a copy of the binding Inspector's Report are contained in Appendices 2 and 3 were available on CMIS. The SCI was set to meet its target for adoption in January 2007 as established in the Council's Local Development Scheme. The adoption of the SCI would be advertised in the local press and copies would be made available to the public. The adopted SCI would play a key role in guiding consultations on future Local Development Documents.

### **Decision**

To recommend Council:

1. To note the contents of the binding Inspector's Report on the Statement of Community Involvement.
2. To resolve to adopt the amended Statement of Community Involvement and to authorise the Corporate Director, Regeneration and Community to make the necessary arrangements to comply with statutory procedures.

## 179/06 Council Tax Base 2007/08

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Council Tax Base 2007/08. The Council had to calculate the 'Council Tax Base' for 2007/08 as a means of raising council tax income from Derby council tax payers. The tax base was an estimated figure which equated to the effective number of domestic properties in terms of Band D in the Council's area during the year. It was used to translate total council tax income requirements in a headline charge for Band D. Charges for other bands were calculated as defined fractions of the headline charge. Due to the continued growth in the number of domestic properties the Council Tax Base could be increased from 68,966 to 69,560.06 Band D equivalent properties.

### **Decision**

That pursuant to the report and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2003 (SI 12003/3012), to approve the council tax base for the year 2007/08 as 69,560.06 band D equivalent properties in accordance with the methodology and estimates shown at appendices 2 and 3 and that Council be recommended to approve the calculation.

## 181/06 Council Priorities and Draft Corporate Plan 2007/10

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Council Priorities and Draft Corporate Plan 2007/10. The purpose of the report was to present Members with a first draft of the Corporate Plan 2007-2010 and supporting action plan. The Corporate Plan described how the Council would deliver its priorities. Following consideration by Cabinet and Scrutiny Management Commission six priorities had been proposed, for 2007-2010, which were supported by 18 key outcomes. The increase in priorities, from four in the 2006-2009 Plan to six for 2007-2010, showed a slight change in focus for the Council. The inclusion of the priority 'leading Derby towards a better environment' set out the Council's commitment to tackling climate change and sustaining the area for future generations, whilst the introduction of the priority 'creating a 21 century city centre' strengthened the link between the Corporate Plan and the Community Strategy. To make sure that the priorities for 2007-2010 were clear, they had been revised using the principles of Plain English. The changes that had been made are detailed at Appendix 2.

### **Decision**

1. To request Council to confirm the Council's priorities and key outcomes for 2007-2010, as set out in Appendix 3.
2. To note the contents of the draft Corporate Plan 2007-2010, including the changes that have been made to the structure and layout of the document.

3. To note the contents of the supporting action plan; which included information on how our priorities would be delivered.

## Contract and Financial Procedure Matters

### 182/06 Contract and Financial Procedure Matters Report

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Contract and Financial Procedure Matters Report. The report dealt with the following items that required reporting to and approval by Council Cabinet under contract and financial procedure rules:

- proposed amendment to the Regeneration and Community capital programme for 2006/07 to allocate the £160,000 balance of the capital budget for car parks improvements to the Inner Ring Road Maintenance Scheme – IRRIMS.
- To recommend to Council that the prudential code limit on investments over one year be increased from £35m to £45m

#### **Decision**

1. To amend the approved capital programme 2006/07 to re-allocate £160,000 car parks improvements capital budget to the IRRIMS capital scheme.
2. To recommend to Council that the prudential code limit on investments over one year be increased from £35m to £45m.